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AND BREZHNEV'S ILLNESS

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1. SINCE MY MEETING OF LAST NIGHT WAS THE FIRST IN SEVERAL DAYS, I TOOK THE OCCASION TO ANSWER FAHMY'S EARLIER QUERY BY ASSURING HIM THAT NO MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND GROMYKO WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE SADAT VISIT TO THE US. HE WAS SATISFIED.

2. I ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO PASS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF MOSCOW 14922 ABOUT BREZHNEV'S REPORTED "ILLNESS". FAHMY WAS APPRECIATIVE. EGYPTIAN REPORTS FROM MOSCOW ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE BREZHNEV "ILLNESS" WAS MAINLY POLITICAL RATHER THAN ORGANIC. FAHMY ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT EGYPTIAN REPORTS ARE BASED LARGELY ON SPECULATION IN MOSCOW DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES. EILTS

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